Time Taken for New Telephones connections

2247. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average time taken for allotment of a new telephone connection to various categories of subscribers in Bombay. Calcutta, Delhi and Madras City-wise;

(b) the details of the advance payment that each type of subscriber is required to deposit along with the application and the amount so collected during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(c) the number of such applications pending with the Department in each city and since how long; and

(d) whether the subscribers are given interest on their initial deposits; if so at what rate and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The average time for allotment of new telephone connection depends upon the category of registration, exchange area and availability of spare exchange capacity. It would be difficult to give exact figures in this respect.

(b) Required information is given in the attached statement which is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The required information is given below:

	Waiting list as on 30-6-85	Earliest applications pending since
Bombay . . .	1,77,601	5-4-71
Calcutta . . .	27,930	23-6-66
Delhi . . .	1,42,901	19-1-65
Madras . . .	36,381	20-2-78

(d) The advance deposit for new telephone connections carries interest for the period commencing on the date of deposit and ending with the date immediately preceding the date of installation of the telephone connection, at the rate payable by the State Bank of India on fixed deposits made for a period of one year and the interest is calculated for the completed number of months at the rate inforce on the date of deposit.

Statement

Details of deposit to be made for registration for a new telephone connection under various categories and the amount collected

The following deposit is to be made for registration for a telephone connection under various categories :

(i) *Own Your Telephone :*

10,000 lines and above capacity of telephones system	1,000 lines and above but below 10,000 lines capacity.	Below 1,000 lines capacity
Rs. 8,000	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 5,000

(ii) *General and Special category :*

Metered Exchanges		Flat Rate Exchanges			
10,000 lines and above	Below 10,000 lines.	100 lines and above	100 lines and below	Manual over 20 lines providing restricted hours of service	Manual of 20 lines or less providing restricted hours of service
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,000	800	1,000	100	100	100

Amount collected from the applicants : Rs. crores

	During 1983-84		During 1984-85 (provisional)	
	OYT	Non-OYT	OYT	Non-OYT
Bombay	5·7	3·45	0·1	0·9
Calcutta	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.8
Delhi	3·5	3·3	4·7	3·8
Madras	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.0

Discovery of Natural Gas

2248. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the places where natural gas has been discovered in India so far;

(b) the quantities of gas being recovered at present from these places; and

(c) how the above gas it being utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Natural gas has been so far discovered in the Western offshore, Gujarat, Assam, Rajasthan, Krishna-Godavari, Arunachal Pradesh, Cauvery basin and Andamans.

(b) The quantity of natural gas being produced from these places is about 19.84 million cubic metrec per day;

(c) Natural gas is being utilised for production of fertilizers and petrochemicals, for generation of power and as fuel in tea gardens, dairies. etc.

Annual Production of Petrol and Petroleum Product

2249. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of annual production of petrol and petroleum products in the country expected during the current financial year;

(b) the anticipated demand for the above products in the country during the current financial year; and